

REMARKS

Applicants contacted Examiner Sharon Kennedy of the United States Patent Office on February 2, 2005 in order to clarify the Advisory Action mailed January 24, 2005. Specifically, the Advisory Action did not provide an explanation of why claims 1 and 2 were rejected. Examiner Kennedy indicated that claims 1 and 2 were rejected in view of Applicants' previously submitted Amendment of January 4, 2005 for the same reasons set forth in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004.

Claims 3-5 were allowed in the Advisory Action mailed January 24, 2005.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallace (U.S. Patent No. 2,667,875). In the interest of advancing prosecution, and without any admission as to the propriety of the rejections to claims 1 and 2, by this Amendment claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience to resolve any remaining issues or should the Examiner have any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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